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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

OCTOBER 27, 2015

GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT MONTH – OCTOBER 2015

On September 15, 2015, the Board of Supervisors (Board) officially declared October as “Girls Empowerment Month” throughout the County of Los Angeles (County) and pledged to support the LA Fund for Public Education’s (LA Fund) “Girls Build LA” Initiative (the Initiative), a grant-funded empowerment program which is engaging middle and high school girls in identifying the challenges women and girls face in Los Angeles, and encouraging them to implement solutions to break down those barriers.

Specifically, the Board authorized up to \$80,000 of Proposition A Local Return Transit Funds be used to enable 7,000 girls from across the County to attend the September 29th Initiative launch, which included a free screening of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafszai’s biopic “He Named Me Malala”.

As part of the ongoing Initiative, the LA Fund is hosting a series of other events, including a “Girls Challenge Event” on Tuesday October 27, 2015 on the campus of the University of Southern California. The LA Fund spent approximately \$60,000 of the Board-authorized funds on September 29th and is requesting authority to use additional funds for transportation costs associated with other events tied to the Initiative.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Director of the Department of Public Works to disburse up to \$20,000 of Proposition A Local Return Transit Program Funds available to the Second District to the LA Fund for Public Education in order to reimburse participating school districts for the transportation costs associated with the Girls Build LA Initiative throughout the rest of the 2015/2016 academic year. Funding is included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

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